IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) MAIL STOP RCE
Toshihiro HANADA	Group Art Unit: 3753
Application No.: 10/583,145) Examiner: Jeremy S Baskin
Filed: June 16, 2006) Confirmation No.: 2583
For VALVE)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as indicated below.

The Advisory Action dated April 2, 2010 indicates that the Amendment and Reply filed March 10, 2010 would not be entered. Therefore, the amendment below is based upon the claims pending after entry of the Amendment and Reply filed July 24, 2009.

This amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

Continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is respectfully requested.